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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, March 09, 2007 2 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Friday, March 09, 2007
Nature of Event: Minimum Security Inmate Walks Away From Custody
Location of Call: Auburn
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



MICHAEL DIFFENDERFER

Placer County Sheriff's detectives are searching for a minimum security inmate who walked away from custody while on a county work detail this morning.

Michael Scott Diffenderfer, 45, of Auburn, was reported missing around 7:30 a.m., one hour after a county employee checked him out of the Dewitt Center barracks in north Auburn. Diffenderfer was working only two doors away from the barracks when the worker noted his absence.

Diffenderfer is 5 feet, 8 inches tall, with brown hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing jail-issued clothing, including blue jeans marked with the words "PCSO inmate."

Diffenderfer has been in custody since January 9 and was scheduled to be released April 20. He was serving time for possessing and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

He now faces 16 months to three years in state prison for felony escape.

Anyone who sees Diffenderfer is urged to contact the Placer County Sheriff's Department at 889-7800 or call 911.